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(57) Abstract The invention provides ratA polypeptides and DNA (RNA) encoding ratA polypeptides and methods for producing such polypeptides by recombinant techniques. Also provided are methods for utilizing ratA polypeptides to screen for antibacterial compounds.			